

HANNAH CRUMET

JUNE 27, 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3343]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3343) for the relief of Hannah Crumet, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States and to grant the status of a nonquota immigrant to a minor half-Japanese child adopted by United States citizens. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Japan on November 1, 1951, of a Japanese girl and an American soldier father. The child was placed in the Elizabeth Saunders Home in Oiso, Japan, and was subsequently released to Sgt. and Mrs. Robert R. Crumet who are United States citizens.

Senator Homer Capehart, the author of the bill, has submitted numerous letters and documents in support of the bill, among which are the following:

DETACHMENT C, Y. E. D., 8056TH ARMY UNIT,
APO 503, CARE OF POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO,
June 2, 1952.

DEAR HONORABLE SENATOR CAPEHART: I, Eila Lendecker, hereby submit all the data required for the adoption of Hana Crumet in behalf of Sgt. (1c) Robert R. Crumet and Mrs. Hatsuko Crumet.

I am in close contact with the Crumets daily and know them professionally and socially. They own a 1951 car and save a considerable sum of money each month. I know of no failing that they may have in the care of their foster child Hana.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I implore you to do everything humanly possible to assist these fine people in their humane undertaking. I wish to tell you of my appreciation in the interest you have taken in this case and hope that this beautiful mission will be accomplished without too much opposition.

Thank you for any kindness you may be able to extend.

Sincerely,

EILA M. LENDECKER.

ELIZABETH SAUNDERS HOME,
OISO, KANAGAWA PREFECTURE, JAPAN,
November 1, 1951.

Re Requiring United States citizenship for adopted child of Sgt. (1c) and Mrs. Robert R. Crumet, RA35973086, Det C, Y. E. D., 8056th Army Unit, APO 503, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., now stationed in Japan, but legal resident of Sgt. Robert R. Crumet is Burnettsville, Ind.

To Whom It May Concern:

1. The Elizabeth Saunders Home at Oiso, Japan, is a home for unwanted and abandoned children who are the offspring of members of the United States occupation forces and women of Japanese origin. It is recognized as such by the Japanese Government and has received financial aid from various branches of the United States occupation forces as well as substantial contributions from former United States Ambassador Joseph Grew.

2. I, Mrs. Renzo Sawada, founder and executive director of the Elizabeth Saunders Home in Oiso, Japan, attest to the fact that on November 1, 1951, a female infant child, now christened Hana, was delivered from my care at the home to Sgt. and Mrs. Robert R. Crumet for adoption.

3. This child born July 16, 1949, of a Japanese girl and an American GI man, United States citizenship, was abandoned by his father and found unwanted by the mother.

4. Since this child has been completely relinquished by the parents and not registered in the name of its mother's family or with any agency or representative of the Japanese Government as required by the law of citizens, or any other government, no claims can be made upon it by any individual, institution, or government.

5. When the child was adopted by Sgt. (1c) Robert R. Crumet, it was done not only to give her love, care, security, and education, but also to acquire for her the same citizenship of her newly adopted parents, with my assurance that such adoption involved no further legal restrictions or qualifications.

6. Therefore, I certify that the said child is now in the possession of Sgt. and Mrs. Robert R. Crumet as a legally adopted child without any reservations.

MIKI SAWADA,
Mrs. Renzo Sawada,
Executive Director
Elizabeth Saunders Home, Oiso, Japan.

Witnessed by:

WARREN G. ALLEN,
Major, Corps of Engineers,
Yokohama Engineer Depot, APO 503.
EILA M. LENDECKER,
Yokohama Engineer Depot, APO 503.

YOKOHAMA ENGINEER DEPOT,
EIGHT THOUSAND AND FIFTY-SIXTH ARMY UNIT, APO 503,
November 27, 1951.

Subject: Character reference.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been associated with Sgt. and Mrs. Robert R. Crumet for about 2 years. During this time they have always demonstrated a sense of honor and high moral character. They are devoted to each other and are endowed with a conscientious responsibility of their home.

Having discussed the problems of raising children with Sergeant and Mrs. Crumet, I am in accord with their desire to adopt a child. I believe they will become good parents and the adoption of a child by them will be a worthy undertaking.

LESLIE E. PIERSON,
Major, Corps of Engineers.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3343) should be enacted.